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1. MINCOUN SPOKE TO SIR ROBERT JACKSON AND SET FORTH USG POSITION CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A).

2. SIR ROBERT EXPLAINED THAT UNHCR HAD BEEN HESITANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONAL POLITICAL REASONS AND BECAUSE HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE. ONCE THE SYG ACCEDED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST THAT HIS OFFICE NOT PERFORM ITS RESETTLEMENT FUNCTION, THIS ASSIGNMENT WAS PASSED TO JACKSON.

3. JACKSON'S OFFICE GAVE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION OF POINTS RAISED REFTEL (B). JACKSON'S REPATRIATION FUNCTION WILL BE LIMITED TO FOLLOWING UNHCR ACTIVITIES AND BEING NEW YORK SPOKESMAN FOR SYG ON THIS PHASE OF THE OPERATION. AS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE
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PAKISTAN OPERATION ON OCT 31, JACKSON IS PRESENTLY OVER-

SEEING THESE ACTIVITIES, BUT HE WILL ASSUME NO DIRECT OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE OCT 31. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AFTER THAT DATE HE WOULD DIRECT THROUGH THE UNDP RESREP ANY SPECIFIC EFFORTS NOT ALREADY CONCLUDED. FINALLY, SIR ROBERT PLANS TO KEEP ANY RESETTLEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES INDEPENDENT FROM UNROB. IN THIS CONNECTION HE HAS NOT TAKEN A DEFINITE DECISION ON EXACT NATURE OR EXTENT OF UN INVOLVEMENT AND WILL NOT DO SO UNTIL HE HAS CONCLUDED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS. HE IS AWARE OF USG POSITION AND RECOGNIZES THE VALIDITY OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT UN INVOLVEMENT IN RESETTLEMENT.

4. AMB AKHUND (PAKISTAN) TOLD MINCOUN BEFORE SPECIAL ECOSOC SESSION THAT UNTIL THAT TIME PLEDGES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND REHABILITATION EXPENSE AMOUNTED TO 20PERCENT OF ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS.

5. USUN PLANS TO DISCUSS SITUATION AGAIN NEXT WEEK AFTER RESPONSE TO UNHCR APPEAL BECOMES MORE DEFINITE.
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